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GSP Community News

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2011 Scholar Applications Now Available

Help us spread the word: applications are now available [online](#) for all students who are interested in participating in the 2011 Governor's Scholars Program. Hard copies of the application have also been mailed to the guidance offices at all Kentucky high schools. To be eligible to participate in GSP, a student must be a current high school junior residing in Kentucky who has taken the ACT, PSAT, or SAT in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.

The schedule for GSP 2011 is as follows:

First Session: Sunday, June 19th to Saturday, July 23rd
 Second Session: Saturday, June 25th to Friday, July 29th
 Third Session: Sunday, June 26th to Saturday, July 30th

Students who plan to apply for GSP 2011 should also check out the Helpful Hints Packet, which contains detailed information about the Program itself as well as an in-depth guide to the application process. The Helpful Hints packet, the electronic application, and many other valuable resources for applicants and their parents are available in the "[Applicants](#)" section of the GSP [website](#).

Students and school officials with questions about the application process may contact [Jerri Seeders](#).

Focus Area Feature: Cultural Anthropology

In order to directly experience the fieldwork involved in cultural anthropology without the expense of traveling to another continent, scholars in Larry Grabau's class on the Murray State University campus focused on the culture of Western Kentucky barbecue. Each Wednesday, they visited two unique barbecue restaurants, talked with owners and pitmasters, and made observations about the establishments. Of course, they also tasted the barbecue and even inquired about the subtle differences in smoking styles and sauce recipes. Over the course of the summer, the scholars learned a lot about different smoking styles; however, the most they



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Alumni Updates

Keep in touch! Please send your updates to [Sarah Metzmeier](#).

Cathy Carmode Lim ('87 UK) recently redesigned her book-review website, [RatedReads.com](#). The site, which she founded in January 2008, reviews fiction, nonfiction, and young-adult books and assigns them ratings for potentially offensive content.

Tonya Hardison Griffin ('87 UK) is producing a feature documentary based on her book, *Eagles, Angels, and Butterflies: How We Got Our Wings*, in which she chronicles her battle with breast cancer. Watch the trailer for the documentary [here](#).

Shane Rau ('90 WKU) is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of North

learned about specific sauce recipes is that most are very closely guarded secrets!

When they were not busy visiting restaurants, the scholars continued their study of the culture of barbeque by interacting with guest speakers who came to campus to clarify the relationships among different types of anthropology and to embody the concept of a true pitmaster. (Tellingly, even the most accomplished barbecue masters with whom the scholars had met firmly resisted personally accepting the title of pitmaster.)

For their final project, the scholars worked together to create an illustrated ethnography telling the story of their interactions with persons and places involved in the special culture of West Kentucky barbecue. They reported that cultural anthropology is about learning the stories of real people in real places at a particular time. One surprise for them was to learn that this area of study is an interactive one-the researcher actively engages with the persons being studied. For many of the scholars, this proved to be an exciting subject with many prospects for continued interest.

Welcome, New Board Members!

At its spring meeting, the Governor's Scholars Program Board of Directors was pleased to welcome three new members. They are:

Vince Gabbert ('93 Centre) currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the President at Keeneland. A graduate of the University of Louisville and the Brandeis School of Law, he previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Steve Beshear. Mr. Gabbert and his wife, Tonya, have two daughters.

Paul Patton was the 59th Governor of Kentucky and currently serves as the President of Pikeville College. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he was elected governor in 1995. As governor, he advocated strongly for higher education and his achievements included the Higher Education Reform Act and the Buck for Brains funding. Mr. Patton and his wife, Judi Conway Patton, have four children and two grandchildren.

Erica Lee Williams is a presiding judge in Jefferson District Court (Division 17). She received her B.A. from Western Kentucky University and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky. Prior to her appointment to the bench by Governor Beshear in 2009, she was a practicing attorney focusing on labor and unemployment, commercial litigation, workers' compensation, and media law. Judge Williams is married to

Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he works with the severely and persistently mentally ill population. He is the Clinical Director of UNC's Clinical Research Unit and also serves as the Director of Medical Education for the Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health. He truly loves his work and hopes to make a difference in the lives of those with whom he comes into contact.

Amin Gharad ('10 Centre) is a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington. After receiving an invitation from the State Department, he attended an Iftar dinner with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Washington, DC, on September 7th.

Jason Williams ('95 NKU).

In June, Governor Beshear appointed **John S. Cain** to the GSP Board of Directors. Mr. Cain is the President of Wiseway Supply in Florence. He received his B.A. from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University. He and his wife, Carla, have four daughters.

GSP Remembers Founder Bob Sexton

Robert Sexton, an extraordinary advocate for education in Kentucky and one of the founders of the Governor's Scholars Program, passed away in August. GSP Executive Director Aris Cedeño has submitted letters to the editors of several Kentucky newspapers affirming the Program's commitment to honoring Mr. Sexton's legacy. The text of Dr. Cedeño's letter, which has been published in both *The Courier-Journal* and the *Herald-Leader*, is available [here](#).

GSP 2011 Staff Applications Coming Soon!

Faculty and **R.A./Office Staff** applications will be posted on the GSP website by October 15th. Review of all completed applications will begin in early January. Questions regarding the staff application process should be directed to [Sarah Metzmeier](#).



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